

SENATE BILL 746
By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6
and Section 49-6-902, relative to child custody orders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-101(a), is amended by adding
the following new subdivision:

(3) Except when the court finds it not to be in the best interests of the affected
child, each order pertaining to the custody or possession of a child shall grant to each
parent the following rights during periods when the child is not in that parent's
possession or shall incorporate them by reference to a prior order.

(A) The right to unimpeded telephone conversations with the child at least
twice a week at reasonable times and for reasonable durations;

(B) The right to send mail to the child which the other parent shall not
open or censor;

(C) The right to receive notice and relevant information as soon as
practicable but within twenty-four (24) hours of any event of hospitalization, major
illness or death of the child;

(D) The right to receive directly from the child's school upon written
request which includes a current mailing address and upon payment of
reasonable costs of duplicating, copies of the child's report cards, attendance

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records, names of teachers, class schedules, standardized test scores and any other records customarily made available to parents;

(E) The right to receive copies of the child's medical records directly from the child's doctor or other health care provider upon written request which contains a current mailing address and upon payment of reasonable costs of duplication;

(F) The right to be free of derogatory remarks made about him or her or his or her family by the other parent to or in the presence of the child.

Any of the foregoing rights may be denied in whole or in part to one or both parents by the court upon a showing that such denial is in the best interests of the child.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-104, and Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-902, shall be amended by inserting the following language between the words "card" and "be" in the fifth line of the section:

" , notice of school attendance, names of teachers, class schedules, standardized test scores and any other records customarily available to parents"

and shall be further amended by adding the following language between the words "card" and "to" in the seventh line of the section:

" , notice of school attendance, names of teachers, class schedules, standardized test scores and any other records customarily available to parents"

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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